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REMARKS

Upon entry of the foregoing amendment, Claims 3-6, 9-11, 14-15, 18-20, 23, 25-27, and 30 are pending in this application. The Examiner objected to the abstract of the disclosure, rejected Claims 1-15, 17-21, 23-28, and 30-31 under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, rejected Claims 16, 22, 29, and 32 under 35 U.S.C. 102(b), rejected Claims 1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17, 21, 24, 28, and 31 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a), and indicated that Claims 3-6, 9-11, 14-15, 18-20, 23, 25-27 and 30 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. In the foregoing amendment, the abstract of the disclosure has been amended to contain less than 150 words, Claims 1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 16-17, 21-22, 24, 28-29, and 31-32 have been cancelled, Claims 3, 4, 9, 14, 15, 18, 23, 25, and 30 have been amended to clarify the invention, and Claims 3-4, 9, 14-15, 18, 23, 25, and 30 have been rewritten in independent form to include all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Claims 5, 6, 10, 11, 19, 20, 26, 27 depend directly or indirectly from independent Claims 3, 18 or 25. Accordingly, Claims 3-6, 9-11, 14-15, 18-20, 23, 25-27, and 30 should now be in condition for allowance.

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CONCLUSION

The foregoing is submitted as a complete response to the Office Action identified above. This application should now be in condition for allowance, and the Applicants solicit a notice to that effect. If there are any issues that can be addressed via telephone, the Examiner is asked to contact the undersigned at 404.685.6799.

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